

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3rd October 2012 in the Village Hall, WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH

PRESENT

Mr Paul Ritchie (Chairman)
Ms Caroline Ward
Mrs Emma Parker
Mr Richard Fry
Mrs Aideene Turley
Mr Don Byrom

IN ATTENDANCE Mr R Turley (Clerk), Mrs Jane Somper (District Councillor) and 4 members of the general public.

111/12. Apologies for absence- Christine Flemming

112/12. Declarations of Interest- All Councillors had signed their Declarations of Interest according to the new Code of Conduct. There was, consequently, no further need to record declarations at meetings.

113/12. Public Participation –. The following points were raised:

A request for an update on the subject of speeding traffic was made and this was confirmed would be provided in 'matters arising'

A request for an update on the provision for faster broadband in the area –this was provided by Jane Somper that the District Council are still investigating this.

114/12. Approval of Minutes- The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2012 had been previously circulated and were now approved and duly signed.

115/12. Matters Arising-

RF asked if Hilary Cox had responded to the request for further items about the speeding traffic on the A354 which had been discussed in the last Parish Council meeting but not included in HC email update afterwards, and if the autumn Divisional Meeting had taken place yet.

It was confirmed that this meeting was not until 28 November. It was agreed that we would again ask HC to pursue the matter further and we would add additional suggestions provided by RF.

These are as follows:

1. Allocation of hand held radar speed guns for use by the villagers
2. Extent of police reaction to subsequent data provided by village
3. Two village erected signs each end of the village - the first detailing the number of previous months recorded speeding offences, the second recording the total year to date. These would be updated each month
4. 40mph speed limit preceding the 30mph limit at each end of the village.
5. Painted lines with decreasing spaces between them traversing the road approaching the village giving illusion of speed as used at major roundabouts
6. Rumble bars as above
7. (Larger) yellow backing boards attached behind the four 30mph signs that currently do not have them to increase visibility.
8. Further 30mph signs painted on the road on the village approaches - currently there is only one each end
9. Unmarked vehicle radar speed checks to ascertain 'true' extent of speeding violations in the village - preferably also out of normal hours.

RF also asked we remind Hilary that we have already positioned flower boxes as 'village gateways' and regularly implement the mobile 'Caught - No Excuse' sign at varying locations.

RF asked if we could obtain details of speeding convictions in the village and DB agreed to look into this.

Following the last meeting a TV news item showed a village in the New Forest that had obtained a speed camera from the local police authority and had been using it to obtain details of speeding traffic which was passed to the police to follow up on. R Turley (Clerk) had obtained the contact details for the local Parish Council but had not been able to make contact as yet. CW has agreed to follow this up to obtain how that village had managed to obtain the equipment.

These to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

RF asked that the Police and HC respond on the issue with speeding traffic and then possibly a petition raised about speeding through the village be raised. Agreed by AT

Shop in village

CW said following up on a business card 'housing local people' given to PC clerk she spoke to a village land owner Eric Amey who stated he had been approached by two residents of Lady Bailey who were keen to see the return of a village shop and suggested the use of his land opposite entrance to Lady Bailey. He had spoken to David Trickett, chairman of Rural Dorset Branch of federation of small businesses who would be happy to attend the next PC meeting to present the idea and details.

Benches update

It was agreed to repair the bench at Fields Close /Whatcombe Lane junction and to purchase a new bench for Fields Close

Clerk to ask CF to speak to Mr Adams for the bench repair.

116/12. Planning—

Tree works at Highfield, Dolway Lane

The PC had no objection.

117/12. Correspondence--

A letter from Blandford Information Centre offering advertise, display and market any local area activities.

An email from DAPTC requesting any stories/articles/photos from local summer events such as Olympic Torch or Jubilee celebrations that could be but in their Autumn newsletter

PR had also received a request via CF from a resident in Blandford Hill regarding the alterations to Sunstar, Blandford Hill claiming it now overlooks their property. This will be looked into by PR

118/12. REPORTS

- a) Playground – RF reported that there had been some repetition of graffiti on the slide, although not of a personal nature as before. RF will clean up. RF's repair to the damage to the wooden bar between the swings and multi-play unit appears to have been successful despite the wet weather. Weekly checks were being continued and recorded. Digley Associates had failed to contact him regarding the annual inspection which appears not to have taken place as yet.
- b) Footpaths – CW had nothing new to report.

119/12. FINANCE

Current Account at 14 September 2012	£6,435.31
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Cheques for authorisation

DAPTC Councillor Training :2 Councillors-Powers/Duties	£40.00
Village Hall hire: Dec 2011 to 29 August 2012	£70.00
Replacing previous cheque chq No. 402 cancelled £35	

- Clerk's Salary S O: awaiting set up hmrc PAYE account –to be on next meetings details.

The bench at Fields Close /Whatcombe Lane junction --Councillors agreed after further inspection to repair this as more cost effective and not replace as previously agreed. A request to CF to ask Mr Adams to arrange this
Fields Close – It was agreed to purchase a 5 ft bench at cost of £180 from Bartletts, EP and DB to survey residents in Field Close on a suitable position. Mr Adams also to be asked to install bench and deal with the plaque which is to be fixed to it.

After a discussion it was agreed to budget for maintenance of the flower planters at each end of the village including strimming surrounding area. It was agreed to budget £100 per year for this. It was also suggested to see if any donations from local residents and businesses etc can be obtained. This to be discussed further at next meeting.

Discussions regarding an Awards Idea to recognize volunteers and groups efforts in supporting the Village in various ways.

120/12. Other information for report only-

EP reported that at a recent DC Service Review meeting a request from 1995 from a village resident regarding a need for a footpath on Dorchester Hill opposite the bus shelter was still on the books –as unsure of exact location it was agreed for EP to find out more details if this was still needed although the public felt it was.

EP also had attended a Winter Maintenance meeting regarding schemes for Snow during the forthcoming winter although this did appear confusing but further updates should follow which hopefully would be clearer.

JS advised NDDC workshops in November
Also that the Police Commissioner Elections are being held at soon and the village hall is the voting station

The Clerk advised that he had been told by Barbara Hutton that the Hall Booking may be changed to the side room and not the hall—after a review of that room it was confirmed it would not be practicable for Parish Council meetings so it was agreed he will go back to Barbara with this.

121/12. Public Participation-

Appreciation was shown for RF plan on speeding traffic although felt it would likely be rejected by CC due to lack of money. A suggestion that maybe residents offered to contribute towards costs this may help.

The meeting closed at 9:02pm

122/12. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 7th November 2012 at 7.30pm.